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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Frederic M. Newman

Group Art Unit: 3661

Serial No.: 10/720,594

Examiner: NGUYEN, Thu V.

Confirmation No.: 5037


Atty. Docket No.: 13526.0025.NPUS00

Filed: November 24, 2003

For: CROWN OUT-FLOOR OUT DEVICE FOR A  
WELL SERVICE RIG

**SEPTEMBER 16, 2005 REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114**

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This is a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of pending prior application Serial No. 10/720,594, filed on November 24, 2003, entitled "CROWN OUT-FLOOR OUT DEVICE FOR A WELL SERVICE RIG", the named Applicant being Frederic M. Newman.

**Required Submission under 37 CFR § 1.114** (at least one MUST be checked)

- ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on August 18, 2005.
- ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Consider the enclosed amendment/reply
- ☐ Consider the enclosed affidavit(s)/declaration(s)
- ☐ Consider the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- ☐ Consider the enclosed items: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Small Entity Status**

- ☐ A Statement of Small Entity Status was made in the previous application and such status is still proper and desired.
- ☐ Is no longer claimed.

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**Fees and Payment**

- ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) in the amount of \$790.00  
(The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed
- ☒ The undersigned authorizes the Director to charge the amount of \$790.00 and any other fees necessary (including extension fees) to Deposit Account No. 01-2508, referencing Order No. 13526.0025.NPUS00/STEINHEIDER.

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**Other papers**

Also enclosed please find the following: return receipt postcard and a copy of the August 18, 2005 Response to the Final Office Action dated May 18, 2005.

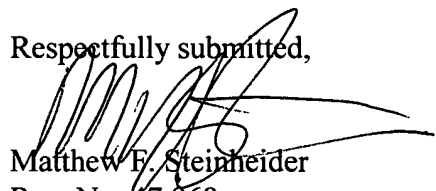
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In response to the May 18, 2005 Office Action, the three-month statutory period plus one extension month ends September 18, 2005. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the one month extension fee to Deposit Account No. 01-2508, referencing Order No. 13526.0025.NPUS00/STEINHEIDER. The undersigned representative further requests any further extension of time that may be deemed necessary to further the prosecution of this application. The undersigned representative authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2508, referencing Order No. 13526.0025.NPUS00/STEINHEIDER.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner directly contact the undersigned to discuss any issues or questions presented by this paper.

Respectfully submitted,



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Date: September 16, 2005